

Testimony HB5386: An Act Concerning Health Insurance Coverage for Epinephrine Cartridge Injectors.

Dear Chairs and the Insurance Committee,

Thank you for bringing HB5386 to public testimony. As a person with severe tree nut allergies, I have used life-saving epinephrine injectors multiple times. It is important that I have access to affordable epinephrine injectors as my allergy results in near death anaphylaxis. As you know, these life-saving injectors are quite costly. There have been several years as a young adult, specifically in college or at the beginning of my career, when I carried expired epinephrine injectors or relied on emergency medical professionals because I could not afford new epinephrine injectors for myself every year. With severe allergies, time and epinephrine are critical in combating anaphylaxis. Caping the cost of epinephrine cartridge injectors will allow young adults to afford this life-saving medicine. I urge your support of HB5368.

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